

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of July 24-July 28, 2006**

- 1. Open Studio Tour - Call for Artists (City-wide):** The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission, in partnership with ASalon Studios, is exploring the possibility of facilitating an Open Studio Tour in December 2006. If you are a Takoma Park artist and would like to open your studio to the public, show your work in another Takoma Park venue during this event, or help plan the Open Studio Tour, please contact the Arts and Humanities Commission at 301.891.7224 or by email at [ahc@takomagov.org](mailto:ahc@takomagov.org) (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 2. Annual Rent Reports (City-wide):** The annual rent reports for 2006 are being mailed to local landlords subject to the requirements of the City's rent stabilization ordinance. The report, which covers the 12-month period between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, is due on or before September 30, 2006. Landlords failing to meet the deadline risk receiving a municipal citation and being fined \$500 for a Class A violation. Notice of the Council's recent decision to expand the listing of properties that would be exempt from certain requirements of the rent stabilization ordinance was included in the mailing. (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 3. Community Development Block Grant Applications (City-wide):** The City is currently accepting applications for the PY33 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Approximately \$150,000 in CDBG funds will be available in FY08 for both capital (\$127,500) and community service (\$22,500) projects which principally benefit low and moderate income individuals and households. Applications are due Friday, September 15, 2006. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Sara Anne Daines at 301.891.7224 or by email at [SaraD@takomagov.org](mailto:SaraD@takomagov.org). (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 4. August Exhibit - Faith and Other Fine Tragedies (City-wide):** The work of local artist, Michael W. Dugger, will be featured at the Community Center during the month of August. The exhibit, entitled "Faith and Other Fine Tragedies", includes work which juxtaposes faith based imagery with the "ebb and flow imagery of today's Post-modern Advertising generation." An opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, August 5. (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 5. New Hampshire Avenue Corridor (Wards 6, 2, 3):** Housing and Community Development Staff met with Prince George's County Executive Chief of Staff this week to explore opportunities to partner with the County to revitalize the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor. A meeting with relevant Prince George's County staff and Montgomery County staff was proposed in the fall. (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 6. Main Street Takoma Parking Initiative (Wards 1, 3):** Housing and Community Development Staff have been working with the Main Street Takoma Economic Restructuring Committee to explore short and long term options for parking in the Main Street Takoma Area. Meetings are being scheduled to explore programmatic, capital, and legislative options with County officials. (*Housing and Community Development*)

7. **Officers in Training:** Operations Commander Lt. Cipperly and Sgt. Frishkorn attended Police Pursuit Issues for Managers and Supervisors training at the state public safety training center for 2½ days. *(Police)*
8. **Vehicle Enforcement (All Wards):** Officers recorded 105 traffic stops this week, more than 60 percent on New Hampshire, Maple and Philadelphia Avenues. The majority concluded with some type of citation written. *(Police)*
9. **Warrant Served (Ward 4):** A warrant was served this week on the final suspect in burglaries that took place in 2005 at a college dorm in the 7600 block of Flower Avenue. Two arrests were made for marijuana or other drug possession, three for fugitives, and one for child neglect. Parents are reminded that a child under the age of 8 may not be left alone and a babysitter for children under that age must be at least 13 years old. *(Police)*
10. **Chief at Work:** Chief Coursey attended the Council of Government's Police Chief's Committee meeting, the LInX Governance Board Meeting, and the PSCAC Meeting. *(Police)*
11. **Police Recruitment:** Six candidates for the Parking Enforcement Coordinator's position were interviewed. An entrance exam for police dispatchers will be given tomorrow (July 29, 8 a.m.). Two officers attended a job fair for military personnel, either retired or leaving the military, at Fort Myers on July 28. *(Police)*
12. **Upcoming Events Reminder:** National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 1, with events planned at 7315 New Hampshire, 7777 Maple and in Old Town, between 6 and 9 p.m. The Council will host a reception for retiring Chief Cindy Creamer on Monday, July 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *(Police)*
13. **Snapshots:** The August edition of Snapshots will start airing on Tuesday, August 1, but is already available as a video webstream on demand on the City web site. Please note that one of the segments features excerpts from all City TV's programs and was part of the contest entry for the Overall Excellence award. *(City TV)*
14. **Flyers in the Newsletter:** The August Newsletter is completed and will be distributed over the next few days. The newsletter contains a flyer which was developed by staff and members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee. The flyer (in English and Spanish) is a checklist for emergency events. *(Office of the Deputy City Manager/Communications)*
15. **T-Ball Program:** The T-Ball Program ended last Saturday, July 22. Sixty-one kids, kindergarteners and 1st graders, participated this season. The parental support was great - all five coaches got plenty of help from the rest of the moms and dads, which is something that's really needed for this type of program. *(Recreation)*
16. **Y.E.S. League:** The Y.E.S. League regular season ended last night. A group of 143 kids on fourteen teams is gearing up for the playoffs, which start next Monday, July 31st, at 7 pm at Piney Branch Elementary. *(Recreation)*

17. **Championship Games:** The Middle School Championship will be played on Wednesday, August 2, at 6:30 pm. The JV and Varsity Championship Games will be held on "Big Monday", August 7. The JV game tips at 7 pm and the Varsity game is set to start at 8:30 pm. (*Recreation*)

18. **Games on City TV:** Takoma Cable will be recording every second once again. All the teams in every division are evenly matched, which should make it that much more exciting! (*Recreation*)